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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 5472 Lochinvar Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 5472 Lochinvar Road, Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:40 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from a vehicle in the carport of the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-eight (28) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief T. Gentry was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 2:51 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Two vehicles and the home sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,500.00 vehicles, \$5,500.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the interior of the vehicle in the carport. The fire ultimately spread to a 2nd vehicle and the home. This fire remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/ or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.